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1. FCO HAS APOLOGIZED FOR THE EXTENDED DELAY IN RESPOND-
ING TO OUR QUERY REGARDING RECIPROCITY UNDER THE MINERAL
LEASING ACT OF 1920. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH A NUMBER
OF OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, FCO CONFIRMS THAT IT IS
NOT AWARE OF ANY RECENT UK DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF
MINERAL LICENSING LAWS, CUSTOMS OR REGULATIONS WHICH
COULD LEAD THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR TO CHANGE ITS
VIEW ON WHETHER THE UK SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS EXTENDING
RECIPROCITY.

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2. ON THE OCCASION OF THE LAST PERIODIC REVIEW, HMG
REPLIED AS FOLLOWS:
"OF THE MINERALS LISTED ONLY OIL AND NATURAL GAS EXPLOR-
ATION ARE SUBJECT TO THE GRANT OF LICENCES. APPLICA-
TIONS FOR LICENCES MAY BE MADE BY PERSONS WHO ARE CITI-
ZENS OF THE UK AND COLONIES AND ARE RESIDENT IN THE UK
OR WHO ARE BODIES CORPORATE INCORPORATED IN THE UK.
THUS WHILE INDIVIDUAL US CITIZENS CANNOT APPLY, COMPAN-
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IES INCORPORATED IN THE UK ARE ELIGIBLE, AND CITIZENS
OF THE USA AND US COMPANIES CAN HOLD INTERESTS IN
BRITISH LICENCES THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN COMPANIES IN-
CORPORATED IN THIS COUNTRY, SINCE THERE IS NO REQUIRE-
MENT AS TO THE NATIONALITY OF SHAREHOLDERS IN SUCH
BODIES. & ', AMERICAN-OWNED COMPANIES HAVE SUBSTAN-
TIAL INTEREST IN LICENCES GRANTED FOR THE EXPLORATION

OF THE UK CONTINENTAL SHELF, AND AMERICAN COMPANIES ARE
ALSO ENGAGED ON LANDWARD EXPLORATION."
(SEE LONDON 5766, SEPTEMBER 29, 1972.)

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